

## AMENDMENT

### In the claims:

#### Please replace present claim 15 with the following claim 15:

15. (Amended) The peptide of claim 27 wherein comprises RIALRY<sup>LAB</sup>YRLAIR (SEQ ID NO:40), YRLAIR<sup>LAB</sup>RIALRY (SEQ ID NO:36), RIALRY<sup>LAB</sup>RILLRY (SEQ ID NO:41) or YRL<sup>LAB</sup>LIRYRLAIR (SEQ ID NO:42).

#### Please replace present claim 16 with the following claim 16:

16. (Amended) The peptide of claim 27 which is YRLAIRLNER<sup>B-B</sup>REN<sup>B-B</sup>RIALRY (SEQ ID NO:26) or YRLAIRLNER<sup>B-B</sup>YRLAIRLNER (SEQ ID NO:31). B-B (ok)

#### Please replace present claim 17 with the following claim 17:

17. (Amended) The peptide of claim 27 which is YRLAIR<sup>79</sup>RIALRY (SEQ ID NO:36). *79 side of independent Nov 81/83*

#### Please replace present claim 27 with the following claim 27:

27. (Amended). A peptide dimer that inhibits cytotoxicity and consists of 12 to 60 amino acids, and has the one of the following structures:

RE aa<sup>77</sup>LR aa<sup>80-83</sup>Y (I) (SEQ ID NO:38) or

Y aa<sup>83-80</sup>RL aa<sup>77</sup>ER (II) (SEQ ID NO:39), and

N-terminal acylated and/or C-terminal amidated or esterified forms; wherein:

aa<sup>77</sup> is D, S or N;

aa<sup>80</sup> is I or N;

aa<sup>81</sup> is A or L;

aa<sup>82</sup> is R or L;

aa<sup>83</sup> is G or R.

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